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REMARKS

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1. a. Luftwaffen Kaserne on Schoenwalder Strasse:

Partly occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts, some with tank insignia, on 2 February 1950. Nine infantry guns of about 60 mm caliber, having about 2.5-meter-long gun barrels with muzzle brake, eight 76.2-mm AT guns and seven mortars of about 150 mm caliber were seen in the barracks yard. Nine other infantry guns with troops at rest were observed near the autobahn.

b. Kaserne on Berliner Strasse:

The barracks had storage facilities like those of the former Heereszeugamt. Soviet dependents were observed in the barracks on 2 February 1950.

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2. Former Luftnachrichten Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with tank and artillery insignia on 7 February 1950. Seven AT guns of about 75 mm caliber with split-trail gun carriages, five mortars of 80 to 100 mm caliber with about 1.2-meter-long barrels and truck with rod antenna were in the barracks yard. The fuel dump on the northern perimeter of the barracks comprised fifteen 4x8-meter ground shelters filled with 200-liter barrels.

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b. A headquarters building, frequented by officers wearing

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tank and artillery insignia or no branch-of-service insignia at all, was on Weinbergstrasse on 7 February 1950. Passenger cars [redacted] and truck [redacted] were parked in front of the building.

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c. Former Zeugamt (ordnance office) on Weissenseerstrasse:

Occupied by a Volkspolizei unit and 50 to 60 commandatura troops wearing red epaulets. [redacted]

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d. Former Zeugamt (ordnance office) on Boernickerstrasse:

Remaining stocks of leather equipment (shoes, belts, ammunition pouches) were repaired there [redacted]

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About 30 soldiers wearing red epaulets were observed on 7 February 1950.

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3. e. Former Luftnachrichten Kaserne:

Occupied by 3,500 to 4,000 troops on 15 February 1950. Soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia or without branch-of-service insignia. Sections of six men, commanded by section leaders, practiced change of position with seven guns of about 100 mm caliber (split-trail gun carriages) in the barracks yard. Nine AT guns of 70 to 80 mm caliber with muzzle brakes and eleven mortars of 80 to 100 mm caliber were also standing in the barracks yard. Twenty-one about 6x12-meter ground shelters rising about 1 meter above the surface and covered with earth, were in a fenced-in area north of the barracks. Beside each ground shelter, 6 to 10 about 200-liter fuel barrels were stored. A rack with fire equipment (shovels, picks and buckets) was between every two ground shelters. [redacted]

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b. The officers' billets on Edelweisstrasse were only 30 percent occupied by army officers on 15 February 1950. Dependents were not observed.

c. The former pigeon station was occupied by about 400 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia on 15 February 1950. The troops were observed at field training in 36-man platoons, each equipped with three machine guns and 30 submachine gunners (sic). No motor vehicles were observed.

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d. Headquarters building on Weinbergstrasse:

Officers were seen going to the **Luftnachrichten Kaserne** and the depot on **Weissenseerstrasse**, corner of **Zepenickerstrasse**, on 15 February 1950.

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e. Depot on **Weissenseerstrasse**, corner of **Zepenickerstrasse**:

Guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, on 15 February 1950. Motor vehicles observed there were previously identified in the **Luftnachrichten Kaserne** and in **Weinbergstrasse**.

f. Zeugamt (ordnance office) on **Boernickerstrasse**:

About one third of the building was used for storage and repair of leather equipment. Repair work was done by Soviet soldiers and German laborers.

Six storage buildings were locked and guarded by artillerymen. Truck [] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, entered the Zeugamt area. It left after a short time, moved to **Weinbergstrasse** and then proceeded toward **Eberswalde (N 53/V 08)**. 50X1-HUM

g. Zeugamt (ordnance office) on **Weissenseerstrasse**:

Occupied on 15 February 1950 by Volkspolizei personnel, a nationalized textile firm and a kommandatura unit of 40 to 60 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets.

4. a. **Luftnachrichten Kaserne** on **Edelweisstrasse**:

Occupied by about 1,300 troops on 16 February 1950. A unit of about 250 troops did close-order drill in the barracks yard. 50X1-HUM

Aiming practice with guns of a previously described type was held outside the barracks area. Three armored reconnaissance cars were observed there.

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Trucks [redacted]
 were parked in the yard.

Trucks [redacted] each towing
 a gun and occupied by an officer and 24 EM wearing red-
 bordered black epaulets, were observed leaving the
 barracks.

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b. Kommandatura on Berliner Strasse:

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Passenger car [redacted] was seen before the building
 on 16 February 1950.

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[redacted] the Bernau Kommandatura had reduced the
 number of its officers after mid-November 1949 and that
 the kommandatura personnel hardly ever wore uniforms
 when on duty. However, all positions previously held by
 officers have been held by uniformed officers since early
 February 1950 and the kommandatura has increased its con-
 trol functions in the German county administration since
 that time. The kommandatura's Agricultural Section parti-
 cularly supervised measures to make the tractor pools
 efficient repair shops. It was the impression that these
 efforts were made to build up a wide-spread net of tank
 repair shops in disguise.

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6. Luftnachrichten Kaserne:

Twelve 50-mm AT guns were lined up at 3-meter intervals
 near Schoenauer Chaussee on 19 February 1950. Ten
 other AT guns of about 100 mm caliber and six heavy mor-
 tars of about 120 mm caliber were observed nearby. Guards
 wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted]

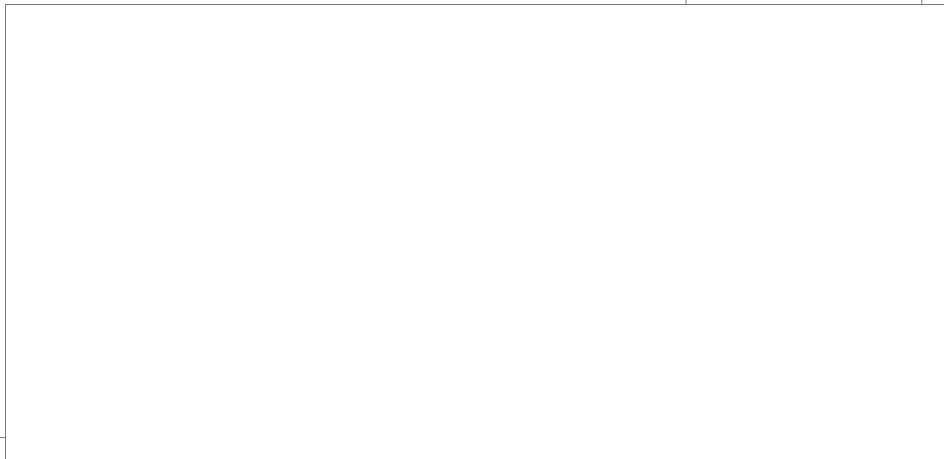
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[redacted] were identified.

7. Twenty guns (50 to 75 mm caliber, about 2-meter-long gun
 barrels without muzzle brake, 50 to 60-cm-high protective
 shield, two wheels with pneumatic tires) were lined up
 in the area of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on 18 February
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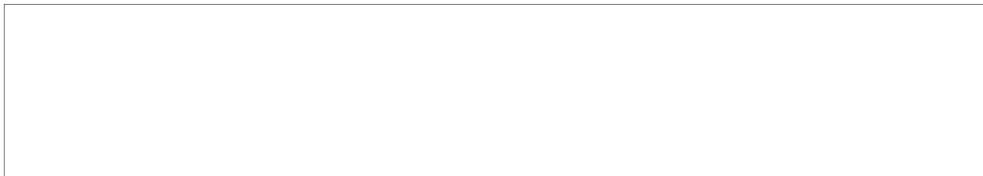
Comment:

a. The report confirms, in Bernau, component units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

b. The 35th (?) Gds Mecz Regt and the 240th Gds Mort Regt and, presumably, other component units of the division are believed to be stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Edelweisstrasse and Schoenwalderstrasse.

c. The HQs 6th Gds Mecz Div may be in the headquarters building on Weinbergstrasse. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] a restricted area was on Karl-Marx-Strasse, Bernau. 50X1-HUM
As both streets run parallel north-south, it is assumed that the division headquarters may be in the block between the two streets. 50X1-HUM



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